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| <p style="text-align: center;"> REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 </p> | Application Number | 09/928,682 |
| | Filing Date | August 13, 2001 |
| | First Named Inventor | Ted L. Beaver |
| | Art Unit | 3727 |
| | Examiner Name | S. Castellano |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)

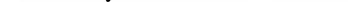
b. Other Petition for Extension of Time

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any discrepancies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other
- b. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the **filing fee of \$770.00** and the **two-month extension fee of \$420.00** to American Express credit card. Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

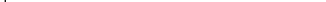
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